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Richard Dreyfuss
Marsha Mason

The Goodbye Girl

Highlights for April



BLUE COLLAR

Richard Pryor in an entertaining yet disturbing film about auto union corruption. See page 16.



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The legendary Bogey and his on- and off-screen life. See page 18.



DIRTY HARRY

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THE GOODBYE GIRL

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UPCLOSE

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RABBIT TEST

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DOG DAY AFTERNOON

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AAU BOXING

Great amateur boxing as the Inter-City Tournament goes into the semi-finals. See page 15.

THE MANITOU

Startling special effects as evil doesn't die, but waits to be re-born. See page 21.

MURDER BY DEATH

Laughs are the motives behind this whodunit with great detectives searching for clues. See page 11.

ELMER

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MARTIN MULL

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THE BAD NEWS BEARS IN BREAKING TRAINING

Those Little Leaguers are one year older and funny as ever. See page 5.



SPORTSCENE

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GO TELL THE SPARTANS

The moment of truth for a small band of Americans in the early days of Vietnam. See page 21.



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Sparky Anderson and Ralph Houk look at Baseball '79. See page 10.

THE GREAT BRAIN

Jimmy Osmond of the famous family: half hero, half con artist, all heart. See page 9.

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Goin' Coconuts

In their first feature film, TV's Donny and Marie Osmond run into big trouble with the Hawaiian underworld. Great songs and comedy in breezy tropical locales. *Mild language.* (PG-1:33) **Apr. 1,4,9**



The Hollywood Clowns

Here's an HBO special guaranteed to keep you laughing from start to finish. All your top Hollywood laughmakers—past and present—including Chaplin, the Marx Brothers and Red Skelton. **Apr. 1,6,10,12,14**

The Choirboys

Tough, big-city cops have their own way of relieving the tensions and frustrations of their harrowing jobs. Charles Durning and Burt Young co-star. *Raunchy language, some nudity, adult situations.* (R-1:59) **Apr. 2,5,11,21**



The Other Side of the Mountain Part 2

Marilyn Hassett re-creates her role as Jill Kinmont, paralyzed skier, in this poignant sequel. The true story of a woman who finds love and success despite excruciating circumstances. Timothy Bottoms is the shy trucker with enough love to carry them both. "Handled in a sincere and uncompromised way." (*Houston Post*) *Some profanity, adult situations.* (PG-1:45) **Apr. 1,5**

**Sunday
April 1**

2:00 REVENGE OF THE PINK PANTHER

Dyan Cannon (PG-1:39) p.5

4:00 GOIN' COCONUTS

Donny Osmond (PG-1:33) p.4

5:30 WINNING SEASON

Fresh young cast (PG-1:32) p.7

7:00 BAD NEWS BEARS IN BREAKING TRAINING

Little League fun (PG-1:37) p.5

9:00 HOLLYWOOD CLOWNS

p.4

10:00 HOCUS FOCUS, IT'S MAGIC!

Hosted by Dick Cavett.

11:30 OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN PART 2

True love story (PG-1:45) p.4

The Bad News Bears in Breaking Training

All new! That ornery passel of pint-sized ballplayers are at bat again, getting the baseball season off to a wacky start. They wend their way by van from California to Texas for "the big game" in the Houston Astrodome. Heart-warming father-son relationship between William Devane (*From Here to Eternity*) and Jackie Earle Haley, repeating his role as Kelly. "Bad News is good news." (*N.Y. Daily News*) *Profanity.* (PG-1:37) **Apr. 1,5,10,13,16,18,21**



Revenge of the Pink Panther

Peter Sellers is back again as the inimitable Inspector Clouseau in the fifth and funniest of the *Panther* series. Hilarious gags and exciting chases as the bumbling sleuth goes after an international drug ring in almost every conceivable disguise. Lovely Dyan Cannon is his seductive accomplice. Beautiful score by Henry Mancini. *Mild language.* (PG-1:39) **Apr. 1,3,7**



Madame Rosa

Simone Signoret is brilliant in this indelible Academy Award winning movie (Best Foreign Film, 1977). As an aging prostitute-turned-foster mother to illegitimate children of the Paris demi-monde, she forms a touching relationship with one of her charges, a young Arab boy. Sensitive, moving, engrossing entertainment! *Adult situations, language.* (R-1:45) **Apr. 2**

SportScene

Hosted by Joe Namath

Here's what's happening if you're an active or spectator sport! Host Joe Namath looks at highlights, heroes, headlines and humor. Plus previews of the '79 Baseball season, the Stanley Cup and NBA Playoffs. Jogging king Jim Fixx explores getting in shape to run. Sleek, in-shape models parade fashions for beach and tennis, for both men and women. All this and interviews, too, with sports superstars—and George Plimpton makes headlines as a soccer goalie against the Russians. Plus much more. Apr. 5,7,10,13,15



Monday
April 2

4:30 UPCLOSE
Run-down of this year's Oscar candidates.
5:30 CATASTROPHE
All-true film footage (PG-1:32)
7:00 ELMER
Humorous, dramatic love story of a blind boy and a dog (G-1:30) p.7
8:30 THE CHOIRBOYS
Burt Young, Oscar nominee for *Rocky* (R-1:59) p.4
10:30 MADAME ROSA
Sharp, sensitive, subtle drama (R-1:45) p.5

Tuesday
April 3

5:00 REVENGE OF THE PINK PANTHER
Dyan Cannon (PG-1:39) p.5
7:00 ISLANDS IN THE STREAM
Directed by Franklin Schaffner (Oscar winner for *Patton*) (PG-1:44) p.7
9:00 THE WILD GEESE
Three friends lead a brave band of mercenaries into African action (R-2:15) p.10
11:30 THE EVIL
Special effects, music and sound help build the tension (R-1:30)

Wednesday
April 4

5:30 GOIN' COCONUTS
Great comedy, songs and excitement from Donny and Marie (PG-1:33) p.4
7:00 MEAN DOG BELUES
Interrelationships of prison farm inmates. George Kennedy stars (R-1:48) p.11
9:00 AAU BOXING
Chicago at New Orleans (tape) p.15
10:30 OUR WINNING SEASON
Introductory high school scene a masterful one-camera tracking shot (PG-1:32) p.7



Islands in the Stream

The saga of a lonely man's inner struggle as he attempts to relate to his estranged sons. George C. Scott stars in this moving film based on Hemingway's last novel. *Mild language.* (PG-1:44) Apr. 3,8,11,15



Elmer

A touching, award-winning film about a blind boy and a dog who join forces to overcome their handicaps and pull each other through a hazardous adventure. *Family fare.* (G-1:30) Apr. 2,6,12,14,22

COMA

A chiller based on the runaway best-seller. Genevieve Bu-jold is the terrified young doctor fighting to save herself and others in this bizarre hospital mystery. Michael Douglas co-stars. *Adult situations, language.* (PG-1:52) Apr. 8

Thursday
April 5

5:00 THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN PART 2
Marilyn Hassett and Nan Martin repeat roles as daughter and mother (PG-1:45) p.4
7:00 SPORTSCENE
Sports news, previews—along with a fashion show. p.6
8:00 BAD NEWS BEARS IN BREAKING TRAINING
Those inept klutzes are after another big win (PG-1:37) p.5
10:00 THE CHOIRBOYS
Cops are human too. Charles Durning stars (R-1:59) p.4



Our Winning Season

In the vein of *American Graffiti*, this sensitive comedy-drama of the '60s focuses on a young track man's struggle to victory in the big race. Scott Jacoby (*That Certain Summer*) stars as the determined runner and Deborah Benson is the girl who gives him encouragement and support. *Adult language, discreet sex scene.* (PG-1:32) Apr. 1,4



Neil Simon's The Goodbye Girl

Neil Simon does it again! His hilarious romantic comedy about *caring* will reaffirm your ideas of love and human relationships. Richard Dreyfuss won an Oscar as a fresh-from-Chicago actor whose New York apartment comes complete with surprises—a resident mother and child (Marsha Mason and Quinn Cummings). "Simon makes feeling good legal." (Gene Shalit) *Adult situations, language.* (PG-1:50) **Apr. 8,12,15,20,23,25,28**

Friday
April 6

5:30 ELMER
In the tradition of *Poco, Little Dog Lost* (G-1:30) p.7
7:00 RABBIT TEST
Immaculate misconception (PG-1:26) p.9
8:30 THE HOLLYWOOD CLOWNS
From Chaplin to the Marx Brothers to Woody Allen. p.4
9:30 ACES HIGH
Portrait of young British officers in World War I. Malcolm McDowell stars (PG-1:54) p.15
11:30 AAU BOXING
Chicago at New Orleans (tape) p.15

Saturday
April 7

1:30 HARPER VALLEY PTA
Barbara Eden takes on PTA prudes (PG-1:42)
3:30 BARRY MANILOW
Popular recording star.
5:30 SPORTSCENE
Hosted by Joe Namath p.6
6:30 THE GREAT BRAIN
Delightful family fare with Jimmy Osmond (G-1:30) p.9
8:00 REVENGE OF THE PINK PANTHER
Inspector Clouseau at his bumbling best (PG-1:39) p.5
10:00 THE WILD GEESE
Richard Harris (R-2:25) p.10
12:15 MEAN DOG BLUES
Tina Louise (R-1:48) p.11

Sunday
April 8

12:00 ISLANDS IN THE STREAM
George C. Scott (PG-1:44) p.7
2:00 THE TURNING POINT
Anne Bancroft (PG-1:59)
4:00 HOUSECALLS
Art Carney, Oscar winner for *Harry and Tonto* (PG-1:38)
6:00 UPCLOSE
Who's going to win an Oscar?
7:00 THE GOODBYE GIRL
Richard Dreyfuss in Oscar-winning role (PG-1:50) p.8
9:00 COMA
Nifty thriller (PG-1:52) p.7
11:00 JULIA
Won both Best Supporting Oscars (PG-1:56) p.10

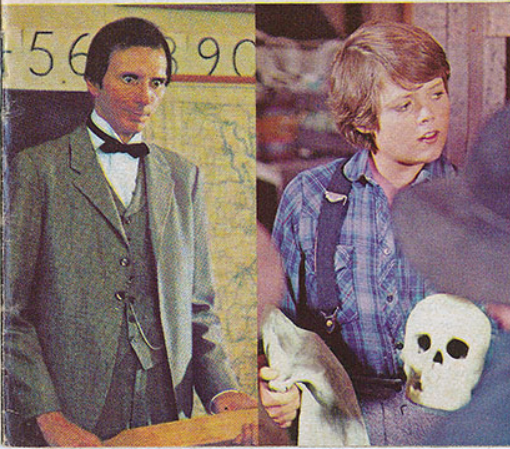
Joan Rivers' Rabbit Test

Offbeat, original, outrageously funny: the adventures of the world's first pregnant man! Comedienne Joan Rivers takes on doctors, mothers and movies in her first directing romp. Billy Crystal (*Soap*) is the shy schoolteacher who gets the news; Joan Prather, his fiancée; Alex Rocco, an agent. Paul Lynde and Alice Ghostley are a zany obstetrician and nurse; George Gobel, a farm boy President of the U.S. "Choice buffoonery." (*Playboy*) *Adult situations, language.* (PG-1:26) **Apr. 6,9,12,22,28**

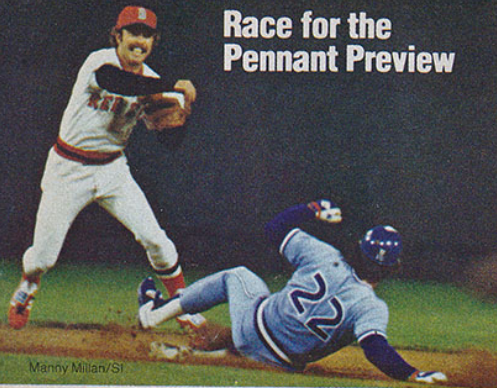


The Great Brain

Charming turn-of-the-century tale of a small-town prankster who always seems to come out on top. Jimmy, youngest of the performing Osmonds, stars as the neighborhood scamp with a brilliant mind and a conniving heart. Characters, from John D. Fitzgerald's award-winning novels, include mountain men, cowboys, miners and Indians. The theme song is sung by brother Donny. *Family fare.* (G-1:30) **Apr. 7,11,16,19,22**



Race for the Pennant Preview



Manny Milián/SI

Baseball opens its 103rd season of play with questions galore. Can Rod Carew and Pete Rose bring the Angels and Phillies pennants? Will Luis Tiant and Tommy John pitch the Yankees to a third straight World Series Championship? HBO Sports provides some clues as Sparky Anderson and Ralph Houk offer expert analysis of the new season and review highlights of '78. **Apr. 9,14,17**

Monday
April 9

4:30 GOIN' COCONUTS
Donny Osmond (PG-1:33) p.4

6:00 RACE FOR THE PENNANT PREVIEW

Ralph Houk and Sparky Anderson analyze Baseball '79. p.10

7:00 RABBIT TEST

Billy Crystal (PG-1:26) p.9

8:30 MEAN DOG BLUES

George Kennedy (R-1:48) p.11

10:30 THE WILD GEESSE

Derringer-do (R-2:15) p.10

11:45 RACE FOR THE PENNANT PREVIEW

A look at '79 season. p.10

Tuesday
April 10

4:00 THE HOLLYWOOD CLOWNS

Jokes, laughs, fun. p.4

5:00 ACES HIGH

John Gielgud (PG-1:54) p.15

7:00 MURDER BY DEATH

Peter Falk (PG-1:34) p.11

9:00 SPORTSCENE

Sports fun and fashions. p.6

10:00 BAD NEWS BEARS IN BREAKING TRAINING

It's "that season" again

(PG-1:37) p.5

11:45 THE GREAT TEXAS DYNAMITE CHASE

High-speed fun (R-1:20) p.14

The Wild Geese

Richard Burton, Roger Moore and Richard Harris in an old fashioned action-packed adventure of present-day mercenaries. Their mission: the dangerous rescue of a kidnapped African leader. Lots of excitement, fast escapes and shoot-outs! *Profanity, war violence.* (R-2:15) **Apr. 3,7,9,12**

Julia

An arresting drama of two courageous women and their poignant, enduring friendship. Vanessa Redgrave won an Oscar in the title role. Jane Fonda gives an equally strong performance. *Mild Violence.* (PG-1:56) **Apr. 8,14,17,30**

Wednesday
April 11

5:30 THE GREAT BRAIN

Shades of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn (G-1:30) p.9

7:00 ISLANDS IN THE STREAM

George C. Scott in Hemingway story (PG-1:44) p.7

9:00 AAU BOXING

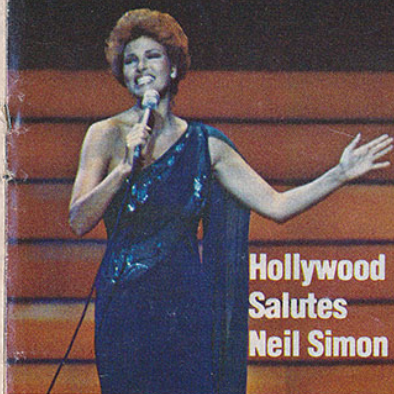
San Diego at Los Angeles

(tape) p.15

10:30 THE CHOIRBOYS

Louis Gossett, Jr., Tim McIntire, Chuck Sacci in police story

(R-1:59) p.4



Hollywood Salutes Neil Simon

A one-of-a-kind, red carpet roll-out! Neil Simon, author of America's funniest plays and movies, is the guest of honor for this star-studded gala tribute. Raquel Welch, Henry Winkler, Ann-Margret, Paul Williams and Jack Klugman are just a few of the show biz greats you'll meet in this fun-filled, entertaining event. (1:19) **Apr. 12,15,17,23**

Thursday
April 12

4:30 ELMER

Boy's best friend (G-1:30) p.7

6:00 THE HOLLYWOOD CLOWNS

Stan and Ollie and more. p.4

7:00 HOLLYWOOD SALUTES NEIL SIMON

All-star tribute (1:19) p.11

8:30 THE GOODBYE GIRL

Oscar winner (PG-1:50) p.8

10:30 RABBIT TEST

George Gobel as good ol' country boy who made it to the

White House (PG-1:26) p.9

12:00 THE WILD GEESSE

Richard Burton (R-2:15) p.10



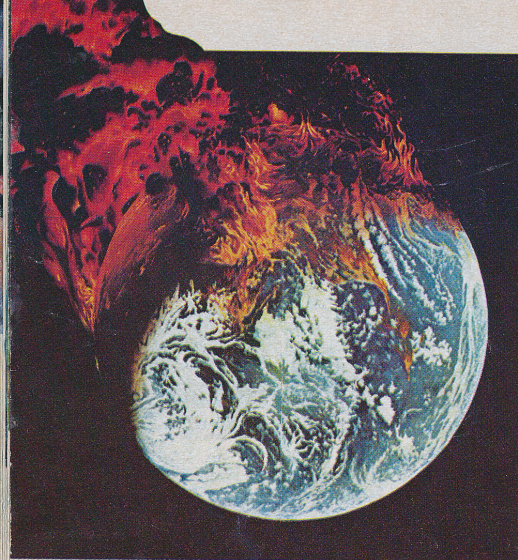
Murder by Death

Yet another Neil Simon gem! Eccentric millionaire Truman Capote invites the world's greatest detectives for dinner—and a murder. Among those looking for clues are Peter Falk and Peter Sellers. With Alec Guinness and Nancy Walker. *Adult humor.* (PG-1:34) **Apr. 10,13,15,18,26**

Mean Dog Blues

George Kennedy stars as the tough overseer of a prison farm who keeps his men in line with the help of a vicious guard dog. Gregg Henry is a young country-western musician who lands there on a bum rap. A tense and powerful drama with a gripping final chase sequence! Kay Lenz co-stars. *Strong language, brutality, brief nudity.* (R-1:48) **Apr. 4,7,9,19,22**





The Late Great Planet Earth

Orson Welles

The ultimate disaster movie! Based on Hal Lindsey's 12-million-copy bestseller, this documentary views the threatened destruction of the human race as foretold in Biblical prophecy and corroborated by modern science. Orson Welles narrates; and Lindsey himself appears, as do major religious, scientific and political figures. "The bestselling book brought to the screen in powerful fashion." (*Boxoffice*) Graphic footage. *Mature theme* (PG-1:30) Apr. 13,16,19,22,25,28

Neil Simon's The Cheap Detective

Neil Simon's sly look at the legendary private eye thrillers of the '30s and '40s. Peter Falk parodies Humphrey Bogart slugging, snarling and smoking his way to triumph—while surrounded by six classy ladies who will remind you of some famous movie dolls. Film buffs will have a heyday recognizing their favorite scenes. Everyone else will have a roaring good time. "The greatest movie of its kind, ever." (*New York Post*) *Adult language*, (PG-1:32) Apr. 15,19,24,30



Friday
April 13

4:00 SPORTSCENE

With Joe Namath. p.6

5:00 BAD NEWS BEARS IN BREAKING TRAINING

Hilarious, salty (PG-1:37) p.5

7:00 THE LATE GREAT

PLANET EARTH

Doomed planet? (PG-1:30) p.12

8:30 MURDER BY DEATH

Wacky sleuths try to solve a murder with no help from Truman Capote (PG-1:34) p.11

10:30 SPORTSCENE

Fearless George Plimpton tries soccer goal tending. p.6

11:30 BAD NEWS BEARS IN BREAKING TRAINING

Play ball! (PG-1:37) p.5

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Saturday
April 14

2:00 THE HOLLYWOOD CLOWNS

Laughs—past and present. p.4

3:00 ELMER

Family fare (G-1:30) p.7

4:30 PENNANT PREVIEW

Can Yankees do it again? p.10

5:30 AAU BOXING

San Diego at L.A. (tape) p.15

7:00 CIRCUS

The flying Wallendas. p.13

8:00 JULIA

Meryl Streep (PG-1:56) p.10

10:00 THE HOLLYWOOD

CLOWNS

Ball, Hope, Skelton—more! p.4

11:00 TEXAS DYNAMITE

CHASE (R-1:29) p.14

Sunday
April 15

12:30 SPORTSCENE

Stanley Cup preview. p.6

1:30 THE GOODBYE GIRL

Dreyfuss and Mason: a special chemistry (PG-1:50) p.8

3:30 HOLLYWOOD SALUTES

NEIL SIMON

Raquel Welch (1:19) p.11

5:00 MURDER BY DEATH

Country-house mystery to end them all (PG-1:34) p.11

7:00 THE CHEAP DETECTIVE

Ann-Margret (PG-1:32) p.13

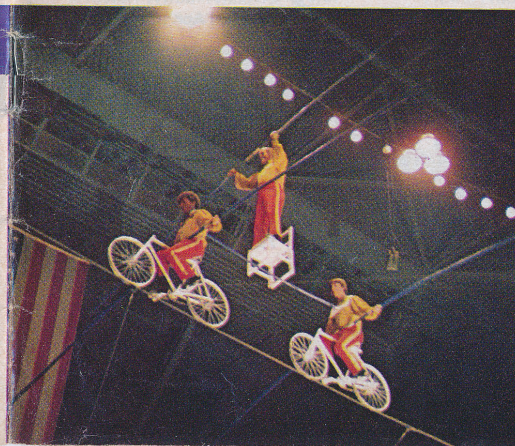
8:30 THE GOODBYE GIRL

Simon says laugh! (PG-1:44) p.8

10:30 ISLANDS IN

THE STREAM

George C. Scott (PG-1:44) p.7



Circus

Narrated by Tom Bosley

Step right this way into the fascinating world of the circus—behind and in front of the Big Top. See performance footage of Hugo Zacchini, the human cannonball, and the incomparable Wallenda family on the tightrope. Here is circus history: the people who live it and perform it. With a lot of "famous firsts": first circus in America; first wild animal act; and first freak show.

Apr. 14,18,23,26,29



Carol Burnett Robert Redford Gregory Peck

Another star-packed trip guided by David Sheehan. Stop-overs are with Carol Burnett, rapping about her recent transition to films; Gregory Peck, discussing his departure role in *The Boys From Brazil*; Robert Redford, on the set of *Electric Horseman*. **Apr. 17, 20, 22, 24, 28, 30**

UpClose

The Hiding Place

Julie Harris stars in a moving drama based on true events of WWII. It tells the story of a courageous Dutch family's struggle to save the lives of countless Jews in Nazi-occupied Holland. *Mild violence.* (PG-2:25) **Apr. 16, 27, 29**

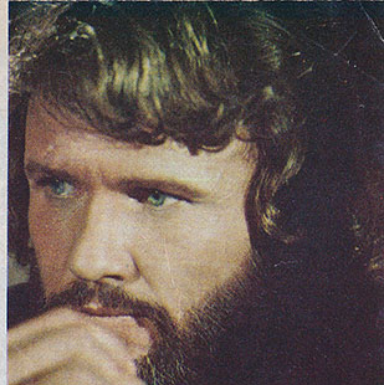
The Great Texas Dynamite Chase

Shoot-outs, dynamite blasts, high-speed car chases! Here's a walloping comedy caper about two curvy bank robbers blazing across the Texas countryside. Claudia Jennings and Jocelyn Jones co-star. *Nudity, violence.* (R-1:29) **Apr. 10, 14, 21, 27**



AAU Boxing Tournament

AAU Inter-City Boxing continues, featuring top amateur pugilists and 1980 Olympic hopefuls. Opening round matches conclude with New Orleans tangling with Chicago **Apr. 4, 6**; and Los Angeles meeting San Diego **Apr. 11, 14**. Then catch the Eastern semi-finals on **Apr. 18, 21** and the Western semi-finals on **Apr. 25, 28**.



The Sailor Who Fell from Grace with the Sea

American sailor Kris Kristofferson falls in love with British widow Sarah Miles. But her son and his sadistic pals decide he must never desert the sea—even if it means violence. 'Darkly chilling tale.' (*N.Y. Daily News*) *Nudity, adult situations, some violence.* (R-1:45) **Apr. 16, 20**

**Monday
April 16**

4:30 BAD NEWS BEARS IN BREAKING TRAINING
William Devane (PG-1:37) p.15
6:30 THE GREAT BRAIN
Jimmy Osmond (G-1:30) p.9
8:00 THE SAILOR WHO FELL FROM GRACE WITH THE SEA

An eerie tale (R-1:45) p.15
10:00 THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH
From the widely read book by Hal Lindsey (PG-1:30) p.12
11:30 THE HIDING PLACE
WWII drama (PG-2:25) p.14

**Tuesday
April 17**

5:00 JULIA
Jason Robards and Jane Fonda (PG-1:56) p.10
7:00 UPOUSE
Gregory Peck discusses *The Boys From Brazil*. p.14
8:00 RACE FOR THE PENNANT PREVIEW
Sparky Anderson looks at Baseball '79. p.10
9:00 HOLLYWOOD SALUTES NEIL SIMON
Paul Williams. p.11
10:30 ACES HIGH
Britain's Royal Flying Corps in World War I (PG-1:54) p.15

**Wednesday
April 18**

4:00 MURDER BY DEATH
Alec Guinness is the butler, but did he do it? (PG-1:34) p.11
6:00 CIRCUS
History of the circus and the people in it. p.13
7:00 BAD NEWS BEARS IN BREAKING TRAINING
Play ball! (PG-1:37) p.5
9:00 AAU BOXING
Eastern semi-finals (tape) p.15
10:30 CIRCUS
The Wallendas. On the tight-rope. No net yet. p.13

**Thursday
April 19**

5:30 THE GREAT BRAIN
Based on real-life experiences (G-1:30) p.9
7:00 NCAA GYMNASICS
East/Mideast Regionals (tape) p.18
8:00 THE CHEAP DETECTIVE
A bundle of joy from Neil Simon (PG-1:32) p.13
9:30 THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH
A new awareness of the realities facing today's world (PG-1:30) p.12
11:00 MEAN DOG BLUES
George Kennedy (R-1:48) p.11



Aces High

Put on your flight jacket, pull down your goggles and tie on your long silk scarf. Let Malcolm McDowell, Peter Firth and other famous British flying aces take you into the cockpit for a knock-out WWI action story. Simon Ward and Christopher Plummer show the strain of knowing each flight might be their last. *Language, war-type violence.* (PG-1:54) **Apr. 6, 10, 17**



Blue Collar Richard Pryor

Tired of long hours, a corrupt union and unrelenting taxmen, three auto workers conspire to rob union HQ. Richard Pryor, Harvey Keitel and Yaphet Kotto. "Delivers a punch. Pryor's best." (Rona Barrett) *Profanity, adult situations, brief nudity.* (R-1:50) **Apr. 20,23,26,29**

Friday
April 20

5:00 THE GOODBYE GIRL
Directed by Herbert Ross (*Funny Lady, Turning Point, Simon's Sunshine Boys*) (PG-1:50) p.8

7:00 UPCLOSE
Carol Burnett raps about her TV and movie career. p.14

8:00 BLUE COLLAR
Contemporary drama laced with hilarity (R-1:50) p.16

10:00 THE SAILOR WHO FELL FROM GRACE WITH THE SEA

A strange group of youngsters with strange ideas (R-1:45) p.15

12:00 BLUE COLLAR
Harvey Keitel (R-1:50) p.16

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Saturday
April 21

1:30 BAD NEWS BEARS IN BREAKING TRAINING
Play ball! (PG-1:37) p.5

3:30 MURDER BY DEATH
James Mason (PG-1:34) p.11

5:30 AAU BOXING
Eastern semi-finals (tape) p.15

7:00 DIRTY HARRY
Suspense thriller (R-1:35) p.17

9:00 THE GREAT TEXAS DYNAMITE CHASE

"Bonnie and Clyde" with a little twist from women's lib (R-1:29) p.14

10:30 THE CHOIRBOYS
Directed by Robert Aldrich (R-1:59) p.4

Sunday
April 22

1:30 ELMER
A lovable mutt (G-1:30) p.7

3:00 THE GREAT BRAIN
Whiz kid (G-1:30) p.9

4:30 THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH
Fact and fantasy (PG-1:30) p.12

6:00 NCAA GYMNASICS
West/Midwest Regionals (tape) p.18

7:00 MUSIC THEN & NOW
SRO. Fabulous sounds. p.17

8:30 UPCLOSE
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Tina Louise (R-1:48) p.11

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Sheree North (PG-1:26) p.9



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Mort Sahl, Host

Standing Room Only. They're the singing superstars of the '50s and '60s who racked up 40 gold records. They're still here! They're going strong! Unique humorist Mort Sahl weaves the "then and now" performances of the stars together with decade changes of the '50s, '60s and '70s. It's a musical memory trip with a happy ending! **Apr. 22,25**



Dirty Harry Clint Eastwood

The first and the best of the *Harry's*. A real police movie with all the danger facing a San Francisco cop, plus the routine and frustrations. Clint Eastwood is the maverick who talks back to everyone, even the mayor, in between heavy-action duties. Don Siegel, responsible for many Eastwood favorites, directed. One of the "Year's Ten Best" (*Time*) *Violence, language.* (R-1:35) **Apr. 21,24,27,30**

One more time:
**Music Then
& Now**
The Association
Patti Page
Jimmy Rodgers





Legends: Humphrey Bogart

Here is a clearly etched portrait of a revered motion picture giant. See rare footage of Bogey's off-screen life as well as memorable scenes from his classic films. *Legends* traces Bogart's story from childhood. **Apr. 30**

NCAA Gymnastics

East/Mideast Regionals

The top powerhouse teams and individual stars square off on the beams, balance bars and rings in Baton Rouge, La. and De Kalb, Ill. to earn a berth in the NCAA finals. Best bets are Penn State and Indiana State, led by Kurt Thomas. **Apr. 19, 22**

Midwest/West Regionals

The best in the West come to Fort Collins, Colo. and Los Angeles, en route to the NCAA Championships. No. 1-ranked Nebraska and Oklahoma, with Olympian Bart Connor, are stocked with talent. Figure them the squads to beat. **Apr. 26, 29**



Scalpel

A mad, murdering plastic surgeon remakes a crude go-go dancer into the image of his runaway daughter to steal her inheritance. Robert Lansing is the father; Judith Chapman, both daughter and dancer. "A slew of surprise endings... a teasing narrative." (*Cinefantastique*) *Mild profanity, brief nudity, gore.* (PG-1:35) **Apr. 24, 27**



Dog Day Afternoon

Al Pacino is the befuddled "brains" behind a very strange bank robbery. A 10-minute caper ends as a 12-hour circus—complete with cops, crowds, coverage by TV. Biting humor and an electric performance by Pacino. "One of the big ones... terrific" (Gene Shalit) *Strong language, mature theme.* (R-2:05) **Apr. 23, 29**

Monday
April 23

4:30 CIRCUS

Human cannonball! p.13

5:30 HOLLYWOOD SALUTES

NEIL SIMON

Broadway comedy king. p.11

7:00 DOG DAY

AFTERNOON

A bizarre bank robbery

(R-2:05) p.19

9:30 BLUE COLLAR

Powerful film about working-

class America (R-1:50) p.16

11:30 THE GOODBYE GIRL

Marsha Mason, Quinn Cum-

ings nominated for Oscars

(PG-1:50) p.8

Tuesday
April 24

4:30 VISIT TO A CHIEF'S SON

Tribal rituals and a total eclipse

(G-1:32) p.19

6:00 UPCLOSE

Hosted by David Sheehan. p.14

7:00 SCALPEL

Gripping suspense thriller

(PG-1:35) p.19

9:00 THE CHEAP DETECTIVE

Madeline Kahn stars as a mys-

terious Mary Astor-type

lady (PG-1:32) p.13

10:30 DIRTY HARRY

Cops, killers, plenty of action

(R-1:35) p.17

Wednesday
April 25

5:00 THE GOODBYE GIRL

Richard Dreyfuss in Oscar-win-

ning role (PG-1:50) p.8

7:00 MUSIC THEN

AND NOW

SRO. The Temptations, The

Kingston Trio and more. p.17

8:30 AAU BOXING

Western semi-finals (tape) p.15

10:00 THE LATE GREAT

PLANET EARTH

Documentary (PG-1:30) p.12

11:30 MUSIC THEN

AND NOW

SRO. Rock, folk, country, Latin

—everything. p.17

Thursday
April 26

5:00 MURDER BY DEATH

Mystery/comedy from Neil Si-

mon (PG-1:34) p.11

7:00 NCAA GYMNASICS

West/Midwest Regionals

(tape) p.18

8:00 CIRCUS

Tom Bosley is narrator. p.13

9:00 BLUE COLLAR

Richard Pryor and Harvey Kei-

ler in contemporary drama

(R-1:50) p.16

11:00 MURDER BY DEATH

Nancy Walker and Alec Guin-

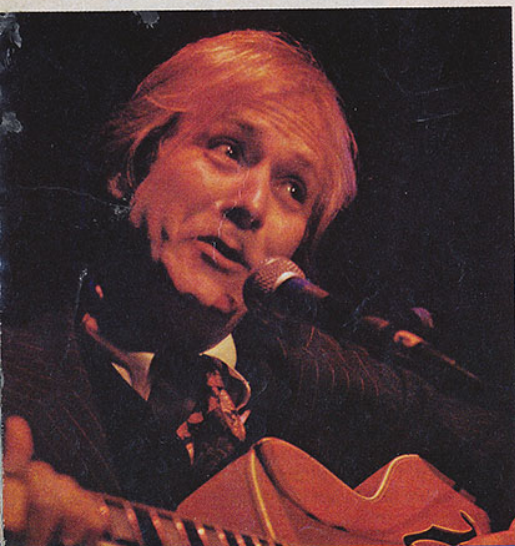
ness as hilariously inept maid

and butler (PG-1:34) p.11

Visit to a Chief's Son

First a famous LIFE photo essay, then a book—and now, in even more dramatic form, a motion picture. An American anthropologist's son and an African lad become fast friends as they take an adventurous journey through Kenya. Breathtaking tribal rituals. "A sure bet for the 'Ten Best' list" (*Village Voice*) *Family fare.* (G-1:32) **Apr. 24, 28**





On Location: Martin Mull

You may remember him as both Barth and Garth Gimble on *Fernwood 2-Night* and *America 2-Night*. Now catch the multi-talented Martin Mull *On Location*—in his first “all-out” TV special. (And we promise, you’ll never forget him.) He lets go with a highly entertaining and sophisticated hour of hilarity. He woos you with his wonderful comic songs; he wins you with his words. Martin Mull is both irresistible and irreverent—and considers himself today’s Victor Borge. Don’t miss this one! **Apr. 27, 30**

Friday
April 27

5:30 THE HIDING PLACE
Based on true events of World War II. Julie Harris stars (PG-2:25) p.14
8:00 MARTIN MULL
On Location. He talks funny. He plays the guitar nice. p.20
9:00 GREAT TEXAS DYNAMITE CHASE
Road action (R-1:29) p.14
10:30 SCALPEL
Stay alert for all the twists of plot (PG-1:35) p.19
12:30 DIRTY HARRY
Clint Eastwood in top form (R-1:35) p.17

Saturday
April 28

1:30 UPCLOSE
Hollywood celebs. p.14
2:30 THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH
Book translated into 30 languages (PG-1:30) p.12
4:00 VISIT TO A CHIEF'S SON
Family fare (G-1:32) p.19
5:30 AAU BOXING
Western semi-finals (tape) p.15
7:00 THE MANITOU
Eerie tale of reincarnation (PG-1:44) p.21
9:00 RABBIT TEST
From Joan Rivers, latest comic to turn director (PG-1:26) p.9
10:30 THE GOODBYE GIRL
Oscar winner (PG-1:50) p.8

Sunday
April 29

2:30 CIRCUS
A look at how it works. p.13
3:30 THE HIDING PLACE
Jeannette Clift (PG-2:25) p.14
6:00 NCAA GYMNASTICS
West/Midwest Regionals (tape) p.18
7:00 GO TELL THE SPARTANS
Set in South Vietnam 15 years ago (R-1:54) p.21
9:00 DOG DAY AFTERNOON
Al Pacino tremendous as a bungling bank robber (R-2:05) p.19
11:15 BLUE COLLAR
Plight of three disgruntled auto workers (R-1:50) p.16

Go Tell the Spartans Burt Lancaster

A rugged, courageous drama about American soldiers in early Vietnam. Burt Lancaster is a cigar-chomping, foul-mouthed major. His motley troops include Craig Wasson, a combat-sensitive idealist; Marc Singer, an eager career man; and Jonathan Goldsmith, a burnt-out sergeant. A tough, hard look at what war is really like—and a must for combat fans! “Lancaster’s best part in years.” (*St. Petersburg Independent*) *Profanity, adult situations, war violence.* (R-1:54) **Apr. 29**



Monday
April 30

5:30 THE CHEAP DETECTIVE
Peter Falk, Madeline Kahn co-star (PG-1:32) p.13
7:00 LEGENDS
Bogey—the story behind the legend. p.18
7:30 MARTIN MULL
First complete TV special. p.20
8:30 DIRTY HARRY
San Francisco police story (R-1:35) p.17
10:30 UPCLOSE
Hollywood update. p.14
11:30 JULIA
Based on Lillian Hellman’s story. Co-stars Jane Fonda, Jason Robards (PG-1:56) p.10

The Manitou Tony Curtis

A supernatural thriller for fans of horror and the macabre. A demon lives in a 400-year-old American Indian medicine man who wants to be reincarnated for the fifth time! He chooses Susan Strasberg as his means of return. Tony Curtis is her psychic boyfriend and Ann Sothern, her flighty aunt. “Unleashes the bizarre.” (*L.A. Times*) *Brief nudity, gore.* (PG-1:44) **Apr. 28**





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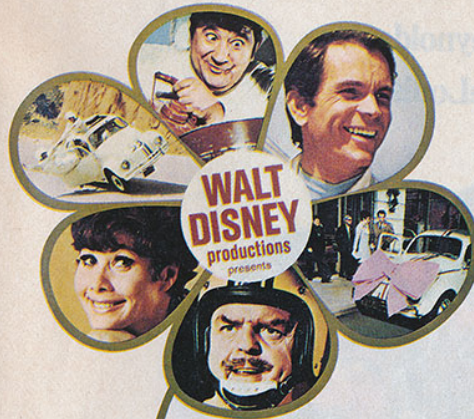
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LOVE BUG

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Tuesday, 1

5:30 VISIT TO A CHIEF'S SON
(G-1:32) p.19
7:00 NICKELODEON
Ryan O'Neal (PG-2:02)
9:00 MUSIC THEN
AND NOW p.17
10:30 THE MANITOU p.21

Wednesday, 2

5:30 CHEAP DETECTIVE p.13
7:00 SCALPEL p.19
9:00 AAU BOXING
Finals (tape)
10:30 BLUE COLLAR p.16

Thursday, 3

5:30 VISIT TO A CHIEF'S SON
(G-1:32) p.19
7:00 GABLE AND LOMBARD
James Brolin (R-2:11)
9:30 GO TELL
THE SPARTANS
(R-1:54) p.21
11:30 DOG DAY
AFTERNOON p.19

Friday, 4

4:30 MUSIC THEN
AND NOW p.17
6:00 CIRCUS p.13
7:00 LOVE BUG
Disney fun (G-1:47)
9:00 LEGENDS p.18
9:30 NICKELODEON
Burt Reynolds (PG-2:02)
11:30 CROSS OF IRON
James Mason (R-1:59)

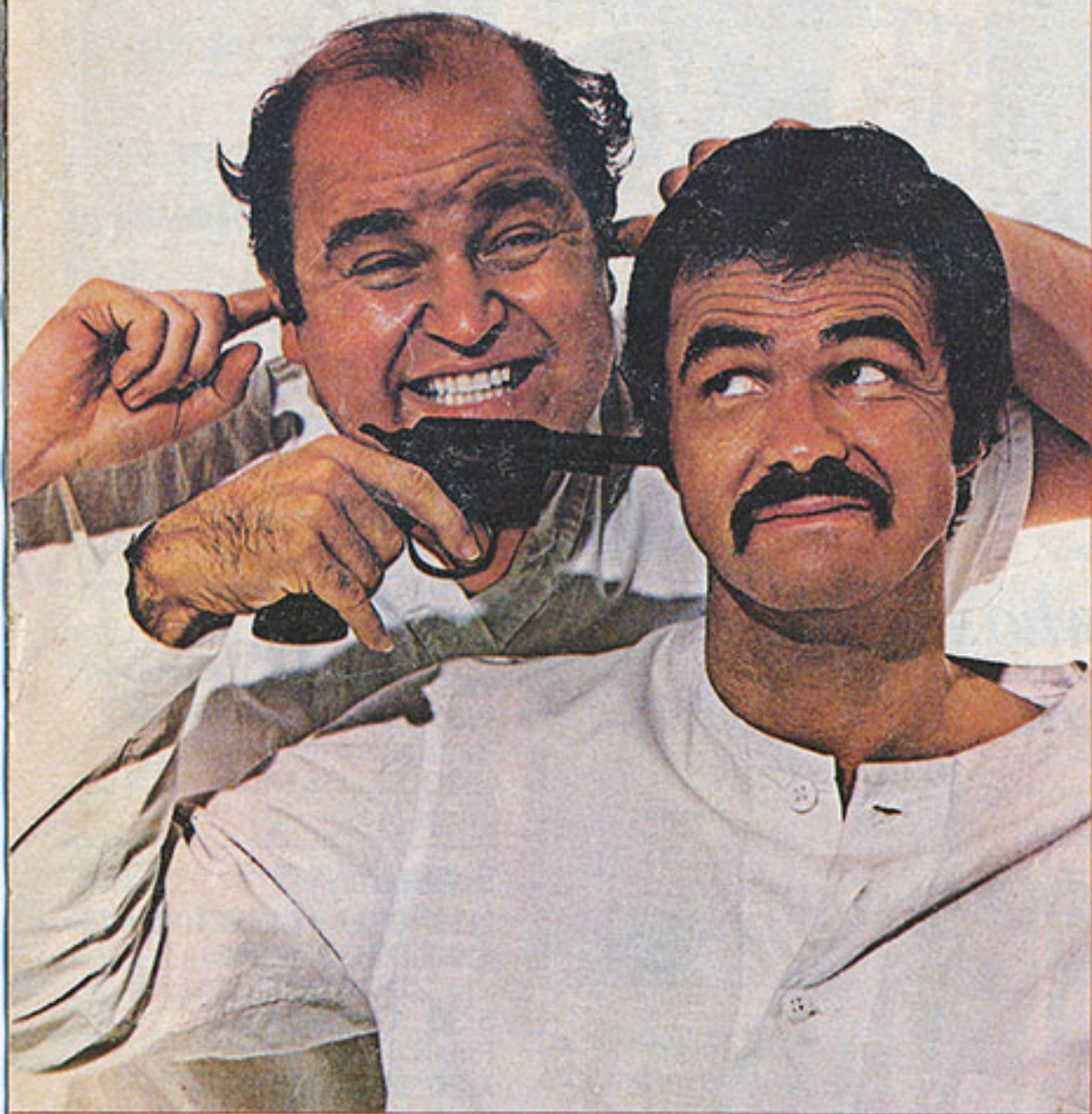
Saturday, 5

2:30 CHEAP DETECTIVE p.13
4:00 POCO, LITTLE
DOG LOST (G-1:29)
5:30 AAU BOXING
Finals (tape)
7:00 SUMMER DOG
(G-1:30)
8:30 MARTIN MULL p.20
9:30 CHEAP DETECTIVE p.13
11:00 SAILOR WHO FELL
FROM GRACE WITH
THE SEA p.15

The End

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